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After Finishing Fort Pierre Clean-Up, Janklow Takes DOC Storm Crew To Help Tuesday With Aftermath Of Brown County Tornadoes

(Pierre) – Gov. Bill Janklow said he has dispatched a crew of 50 specially-trained state inmates to help farm families in northern Brown County recover from tornadoes that ripped through the Barnard and Frederick areas.

Janklow said he and the inmates will meet with the farmers at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of highways S.D. 10 and U.S. 281 north of Aberdeen, then proceed to the work sites. At least one tornado, high winds and large hail ripped through the area as part of a severe storm Sunday evening.

Janklow had sent 100 inmates – 50 men and 50 women – to Fort Pierre on Sunday morning to help with clean-up there, after high winds and hail on Saturday evening caused multiple problems, including total loss of electrical power to the community.

Janklow spent much of Saturday night and Sunday morning directing the state's response to the emergency. The state inmate crews finished work in Fort Pierre on Monday afternoon.